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## Happiness: towards a holistic approach to development

*The General Assembly*,

*Bearing in mind* the purposes and principles of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations that include the promotion of the economic advancement and social progress of all peoples,

*Conscious* that the pursuit of happiness is a fundamental human goal,

*Cognizant* that happiness as a universal goal and aspiration embodies the spirit of the Millennium Development Goals,

*Recognizing* that the gross domestic product indicator by nature was not designed to and does not adequately reflect the happiness and well-being of people in a country,

*Conscious* that unsustainable patterns of production and consumption can impede sustainable development, and recognizing the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes sustainable development, poverty eradication, happiness and well-being of all peoples,

*Acknowledging* the need to promote sustainable development and achieve the Millennium Development Goals,

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1. *Invites* Member States to pursue the elaboration of additional measures that better capture the importance of the pursuit of happiness and well-being in development with a view to guiding their public policies;

2. *Invites* those Member States that have taken initiatives to develop new indicators and other initiatives to share information thereon with the Secretary-General as a contribution to the United Nations development agenda, including the Millennium Development Goals;

3. *Welcomes* the offer of Bhutan to convene a panel discussion on the theme of happiness and well-being during its sixty-sixth session;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations on the pursuit of happiness and well-being and to communicate such views to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session for further consideration.